

April 4, 2005

Steve Hammond

Councilmember

District Nine

King County Council

516 Third Avenue

Room 1200

Seattle, WA 98104

steve.hammond@metrokc.gov

(206) 296-1024 TTY/TDD

(206) 296-1009 phone

Dear Mr. Logan:

I regret to inform you that last week's revelations concerning the discovery of first 87 and now possibly 93 uncounted absentee ballots has, on top of the failure to yet provide a full accounting of unverified ballots processed through Accuvote machines, eroded my confidence in your ability to successfully perform the duties of your office. Furthermore, I believe that the series of ballot handling errors, combined with the highly questionable decision to permit post election "curing" of ballot signatures, has eroded confidence among the public in your ability to effectively manage King County elections.

I believe it would best serve King County's citizens if you would consider stepping down as Director of Records and Elections in time for us to find a successor this summer.

Regretfully,

Steve Hammond

Metropolitan King County Council, District 9